

**MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING**

January 20, 1999
MAG Office - Saguaro Room
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Mayor Neil Giuliano, Tempe, Chairman	Supervisor Fulton Brock for Supervisor Don
Mayor Thomas Morales, Avondale	Stapley, Maricopa County
Vice Mayor John Hawley for Mayor Dusty Hull,	Mayor Wayne Brown, Mesa
Buckeye	Mayor Edward Lowry, Paradise Valley
* Mayor Hugh Stevens, Carefree	Councilmember Ken Forgia for Mayor John
Mayor Tom Augheron, Cave Creek	Keegan, Peoria
Mayor Jay Tibshraeny, Chandler	Mayor Skip Rimsza, Phoenix
Mayor Cel Arias, El Mirage	* Mayor Mark Schnepf, Queen Creek
* Mayor Sharon Morgan, Fountain Hills	* President Ivan Makil, Salt River Pima-
Mayor Chuck Turner, Gila Bend	Maricopa Indian Community
* Governor Mary Thomas, Gila River Indian	Mayor Sam Campana, Scottsdale
Community	Vice Mayor Tom Broich for Mayor Joan
Mayor Cynthia Dunham, Gilbert	Shafer, Surprise
Mayor Elaine Scruggs, Glendale	* Mayor Adolfo Gamez, Tolleson
Mayor Bill Arnold, Goodyear	* Mayor Dallas Gant, Wickenburg
Mayor Frances Osuna, Guadalupe	* Mayor Donald J. Needham, Youngtown
* Mayor Colin Barleycorn, Litchfield Park	* F. Rockne Arnett, ADOT
	* Chuck Coughlin, Citizens Transportation
	Oversight Committee

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Regional Council was called to order by Chairman Neil Giuliano at 5:00 p.m. Chairman Giuliano stated that we would proceed with the informational items until a quorum is met.

Chairman Giuliano introduced proxies: Vice Mayor John Hawley for Mayor Dusty Hull from Buckeye, Supervisor Fulton Brock for Supervisor Don Stapley from Maricopa County, Councilmember Ken Forgia for Mayor John Keegan from Peoria, and Vice Mayor Tom Broich for Mayor Joan Shafer from Surprise.

Chairman Giuliano announced a new member to the Regional Council, Supervisor Don Stapley from Maricopa County. Chairman Giuliano stated that Supervisor Stapley could not attend the meeting tonight and we would present him with his new member certificate at the next meeting.

Chairman Giuliano announced that parking validation is available from MAG staff for the Norwest garage only. He said that the RPTA has generously agreed to provide transit tickets for individuals who use the bus to get to the Regional Council meeting. He stated that tickets are available following the meeting from Ken Driggs of the RPTA.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Call to the Audience

Chairman Giuliano noted that we have a timer to assist the public with their presentations, which have a three minute time limit. When two minutes have elapsed, the yellow light will come on notifying the speaker that they have one minute to sum up. He said that at the end of the three minute time period, the red light will come on. Members of the audience who wish to speak fill out a card and give it to the MAG staff who will bring it to the Chairman.

Chairman Giuliano stated that public comment is provided at the beginning of the meeting for non-agenda items and for consent items. After hearing public comments, any member of the committee can request that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered individually.

He indicated that for the action items on the agenda, public comment will be taken when the item is heard. Public comments are limited to three minutes.

Chairman Giuliano noted that no public comment cards had been turned in.

5. Executive Director's Report

James M. Bourey introduced Barbara Goldberg, of Steptoe and Johnson, who will serve as MAG's General Counsel. Mr. Bourey stated that Steptoe and Johnson was put on retainer after an RFP was issued. He noted that Ms. Goldberg was previously the Deputy City Attorney to the City of Scottsdale and has extensive municipal experience.

Mr. Bourey stated that a Census 2000 meeting will be held at South Mountain Community College on January 27, 1999. The Census kickoff took place on Wednesday, January 20, 1999 at 3:30 p.m. in downtown Phoenix. Mayor Giuliano, Mayor Rimsza, Mayor Campana and the Regional Director of the Census were among the speakers. Mayor Rimsza commented that Mayor Campana did an excellent job on presenting census issues to the media.

Mr. Bourey mentioned two state legislative bills that we will be watching. He indicated HB 2181 proposes to reassign the regional transportation planning to ADOT and establish an urban planning division. Mr. Bourey noted that we will be in continuing discussion on this bill with member agencies. Mr. Bourey stated that HB 2472 would reestablish transportation districts, based on population, changing from seven districts to nine.

Mr. Bourey stated that an Executive Committee luncheon with State House and Senate members will take place on February 1, 1999 at the MAG offices in the Saguaro Room. He indicated that we have received a good response so far. Mr. Bourey stated the format of the meeting had been discussed with the intergovernmental liaisons.

Mr. Bourey announced that Leslie Dornfeld, MAG's Regional Development Manager, has resigned and will be joining a private planning firm in February. Mr. Bourey expressed appreciation for her contributions to MAG. He indicated that Ms. Dornfeld is presently in Oracle at the Transportation Enhancement Review Committee representing MAG and could not attend the meeting tonight.

Mr. Bourey stated that legislation of TEA-21 granted us additional funding. He indicated that the revenue from gas taxes nationwide is more than \$1 billion over the FY 1999 estimate. Mr. Bourey commented that MAG could receive additional funding next year.

Mr. Bourey stated that we are seeking nominations from the Regional Council for judges for the annual Desert Peaks Awards.

Mr. Bourey gave an update on the Regional Council Retreat held at the Buttes on January 8, 1999. Mr. Bourey stated that information from the Retreat had been sent to those who were not able to attend. He noted that the Executive Director's Annual Report of Major Accomplishments of 1998 and a summary of suggestions, discussion points and topics of future interest were included in the information packet. Mr. Bourey stated that it was decided that MAG should develop a systematic program for legislators, act as a regional convener of the public and private sector on strategic issues, hold briefing sessions with the media to help them understand issues and provide positive press coverage, and sponsor a function to include Regional Council members and Legislature. Mr. Bourey stated that it was determined that MAG should develop a mechanism for early discussion on issues by Regional Council members, define subcommittee participation, address method of citizen input, assist smaller communities, and foster positive Regional Council relationships. Mr. Bourey indicated that protection of Luke Air Force Base, updating the address files after LUCA and before the census, fair share in transportation funding, and the aviation plan were also discussed. Mr. Bourey mentioned that streamlining the committee structure and sunseting of some committees were reviewed. He stated that alternate avenues of revenue diversification were explored. Mr. Bourey noted that review of MAG office space, implementation of the teleconferencing project, examination of homeless solutions, and exploration of water recharge methods were potential work program priorities. Chairman Giuliano asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Morales stated that he thinks all Regional Council members should attend the Legislative luncheon. He expressed support for the 800 megahertz plan implementation. To work toward utilizing the same frequency would improve our public safety process. He commented that he supports sampling and it is extremely important to continue the update of the street address lists after LUCA and before the census takes place.

Mayor Rimsza stated that the 800 megahertz plan will enable a police officer on-scene to query 1.5 million police records statewide in eight seconds. He commented that this will greatly reduce response time and is a very powerful tool for the public safety program.

6. Approval of Consent Agenda

Chairman Giuliano asked Mr. Bourey if any additional agenda items could be placed on the consent agenda. Mr. Bourey replied that short presentations would be given on the agenda items for action.

Chairman Giuliano stated that agenda items #7 and #8 are listed on the consent agenda. Chairman Giuliano noted that for agenda item #8, Amendment of Consultant Contract for Model Enhancements,

a revised summary transmittal is at each place. Chairman Giuliano asked if there were any members who wished to speak on consent items. Chairman Giuliano stated that an addendum to the agenda, item #16, Annual Evaluation of the MAG Executive Director, is at each place.

Mayor Wayne Brown moved, Mayor Skip Rimsza seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve consent agenda items #7 and #8.

7. Red Letter Notifications

In June 1996, the Regional Council approved the revised Red Letter process. This process separates Red Letter notifications and advance acquisition requests. The modified process calls for Red Letter notifications received by MAG from ADOT to be placed on the consent agenda of the Transportation Review Committee, the Management Committee and the Regional Council for information and discussion only. Upon request they could be removed from the consent agenda and returned for action. For advance acquisition requests the process was modified to allow ADOT to proceed with advance right-of-way acquisitions up to \$5 million in the funded corridors. However, any change in funding limits for advance acquisitions would constitute a material cost increase as well as a change in freeway priorities and therefore would require review by the Fiscal Analysis Unit and action by the Management Committee and Regional Council.

8. Amendment of Consultant Contract for Model Enhancements

The Regional Council, by consent, approved to provide transportation model enhancements for the RPTA by amending the MAG contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas to add \$100,000 which increases the total contract from \$183,000 to \$283,000. The Regional Public Transportation Authority is providing funding to MAG to make enhancements to the MAG transportation mode choice model. This information will be used to support the Central Phoenix/East Valley Light Rail Transit preliminary engineering and environmental impact statement work effort and required documentation for the Federal Transit Administration. MAG currently has the firm Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas under contract to make enhancements to the mode choice model. The additional funding from the RPTA (\$100,000) would increase the current contract with Parsons Brinckerhoff Quade & Douglas from \$183,000 to \$283,000. The Management Committee recommended amending the contract.

3. Approval of the December 9, 1998 and December 17, 1998 Meeting Minutes

Mayor Tom Augherton moved, Vice Mayor John Hawley seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the December 9, 1998 and December 17, 1998 meetings.

9. Valley Vision 2025 Update

Mr. Bourey noted that a briefing of Valley Vision 2025 is at each place. He stated that the full committee met on January 6, 1999. The committee decided not to meet in February so that the nine subcommittees could continue to focus their efforts on completion of their first draft reports, due on March 31. Mr. Bourey said the next committee meeting is scheduled for March 3, 1999. Mr. Bourey noted that the subcommittees have met three to five times and they are making progress. He gave an overview of the subcommittees' focus areas. Mr. Bourey noted the second quarter budget report has been given and said that continued grant efforts are being made. He remarked that an electronic

newsletter has been sent out to committee members and collaboratives. Mr. Bourey noted that a community survey brochure has been completed, of which an electronic copy will be posted on the website. He said that 20,000 surveys of a total of 100,000 have been printed for the collaboratives to hand out in their communities. The brochure will also be printed in Spanish.

10. Transportation Planning/Programming Update

Mr. Bourey stated that MAG has been working with ADOT and RPTA to arrive at a cooperative funding estimate for the Transportation Improvement Plan, or TIP. He indicated that we arrived at an agreement for an additional \$483 million to our current program. Mr. Bourey stated that this brings us a long way and will enable acceleration of completion of the freeway system by 2007, the Grand Avenue improvements, HOV lanes on the Squaw Peak and Superstition freeways, and other projects. He indicated that we will present a more definite plan with project construction dates at the next meeting. Mr. Bourey stated that meetings with the West Valley Managers and Mayors and the East Valley Managers and Mayors are being arranged to arrive at a consensus plan. Mr. Bourey stated that a joint meeting with ADOT is being planned for February and the draft project plan would then be presented to the Regional Council.

Eric Anderson gave a review of the current freeway program. He referred to the freeway completion by time period map illustrating completion of freeways by 2007, 2008-2011, and 2014 and stated that the revenue and cost numbers have been reviewed by ADOT and their consultant, DMJM. Mr. Anderson remarked that right-of-way and construction costs are going up. Mr. Anderson stated we will meet with ADOT to discuss financing opportunities and the completion of the freeway system. He noted that the priority of projects will be maintained.

Chairman Giuliano asked if there were any questions. Vice Mayor Broich asked when the Grand Avenue MIS for the 101 is scheduled. Terry Johnson replied October for the draft report and the finalization after review by the appropriate committees.

Mayor Arnold asked for an estimate of the cost increase. Mr. Anderson replied it is in the range of ten percent.

Mayor Arnold asked if land was being acquired. Mr. Bourey replied that advance purchase of land increased from \$2 to \$5 million over last year. He commented that the longer land acquisition is delayed, the more cost increases will be encountered.

11. Short Range Transit Plan

Scott Miller stated that the Short Range Transit Plan is prepared and updated annually by Regional Public Transportation Authority for MAG. The plan's contents include an overview of the performance and operating characteristics of the public transit services provided in Maricopa County. Mr. Miller indicated that the process for plan formulation included RPTA staff contacting each MAG member agency during the plan's development in an attempt to develop an accurate and complete plan. The degree of assistance provided by RPTA staff depends primarily on the status of each individual local plan. Mr. Miller stated that some local governments had already developed local plans, while others were assisted with technical staff support including community involvement activities. The plan has been restructured significantly in the past three years at the directive of MAG Regional Council and

Management Committee. Mr. Miller commented that the SRTP is intended to provide public sector decision-makers, federal government officials and citizens with a summary of local and regional planned transit system improvements and to provide a guide in which to develop and enhance transit services. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Miller for his report and asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Arnold moved, Mayor Lowry seconded, and it was unanimously carried to approve the Short Range Transit Plan contingent upon a finding of conformity by MAG of the TIP with the applicable state and Federal air quality implementation plans.

12A. MAG Fixed Guideway System Study: Draft Report

12B. Central Phoenix/East Valley Major Investment Study

12C. Phoenix/Glendale Major Investment Study

Chairman Giuliano stated that agenda items #12A, #12B, and #12C would be presented, discussed and considered together.

Terry Johnson stated that these three projects were undertaken by consultants under the supervision of MAG and the RPTA. He noted that input was received through the public involvement process.

Mr. Johnson stated that the purpose of the Fixed Guideway System Study was to complete a system level for potential inclusion of a fixed guideway element in the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan. The Central Phoenix/East Valley Major Investment Study and the Phoenix/Glendale Major Investment Study have proceeded in parallel with the system study. He said that, on December 1, 1998, the Transportation Review Committee recommended that the MAG Fixed Guideway System Study be accepted. The Study supports the conclusions of the Central Phoenix/East Valley MIS and the Phoenix/Glendale MIS, and provides supporting material to update the transit element of the MAG LRTP. The Management Committee recommended accepting the MAG Fixed Guideway System Study.

Mr. Johnson stated that a Major Investment Study has been completed for the Central Phoenix/East Valley corridor. The City of Phoenix, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, MAG, the Regional Public Transportation Authority, and the cities of Tempe, Mesa, and Glendale, have undertaken a series of transportation studies to address travel demand and mobility in the region. The Central Phoenix/East Valley MIS was one component of the studies. Mr. Johnson indicated that the purpose of the Central Phoenix/East Valley MIS was to identify transportation improvements designed to reduce existing and future traffic congestion, improve mobility options, and provide transportation alternatives in the corridor linking central Phoenix with the cities of Tempe and Mesa. On December 1, 1998, the Transportation Review Committee recommended including the Central Phoenix/East Valley MIS into the draft 1999 Update of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan for an Air Quality Conformity Analysis subject to updating the transit funding plan. Mr. Johnson explained that the Central Phoenix/East Valley MIS recommends a 22 mile, at-grade light rail transit system extending from Central Avenue and Camelback Road in Phoenix to downtown Mesa. Downtown Phoenix and downtown Tempe would also be served by the system. The capital cost of the initial 20 mile section is estimated at \$326 million. The Management Committee recommended including the Central Phoenix/East Valley MIS into the draft 1999 Update of the MAG LRTP.

Mr. Johnson stated the Phoenix/Glendale Major Investment Study has been completed. The study area generally extends from Peoria Avenue to Camelback Road and from 19th Avenue to Grand Avenue. The City of Phoenix, in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration, the Federal Transit Administration, MAG, the Regional Public Transportation Authority, and the cities of Tempe, Mesa, and Glendale, have undertaken a series of transportation studies to address travel demand and mobility in the region. The Phoenix/Glendale MIS was one component of the studies. The purpose of the Glendale/Phoenix MIS was to identify high capacity transportation investments that will improve mobility and provide transit options in the corridors linking Metrocenter and downtown Glendale with central Phoenix. A secondary purpose was to determine whether light rail transit planned in the Central Phoenix/East Valley corridor should be extended into the Phoenix/Glendale study area. On December 1, 1998, the Transportation Review Committee recommended including the Phoenix/Glendale MIS into the draft 1999 Update of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan for an Air Quality Conformity Analysis subject to updating the transit funding plan. The Phoenix/Glendale MIS recommends the addition of two at-grade, light rail transit corridors to the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan. The first corridor would extend from Central and Camelback in Phoenix to the Metro Center area. The second corridor would extend from 19th Avenue along Glendale Avenue to downtown Glendale. In total, a 12 mile LRT system is recommended at a cost of \$295 million. The Management Committee recommended including the Phoenix/Glendale MIS into the draft 1999 Update of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan.

Chairman Giuliano asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Morales stated that the Southwest Valley has been left out of the plans. He noted that more than 500,000 residents are within a ten-mile radius of the area. Mayor Morales commented that Avondale could be a hub to carry residents into Phoenix. He indicated that he had heard the cost of new rail would be \$25 million per mile, and since rail already exists in the Southwest Valley, utilizing this existing rail could avoid major cost.

Vice Mayor Broich stated that the plan approved when the tax was passed in the 80's extended Grand Avenue to the Northwest area, then was dropped. Vice Mayor Broich stated that the MIS study is being done for Central Phoenix and the West Valley is left out. Chairman Giuliano asked Mr. Johnson to explain the MAG process. Mr. Johnson stated that the Grand Avenue Feasibility Study extended to Beardsley Canal. Mr. Johnson said the MIS underway is for a controlled access facility between I-17 and the 101. He commented that interest was not expressed for a controlled access facility past Loop 101. Mr. Johnson noted that the Fixed Guideway System analysis studied commuter rail options through various communities with rail lines.

Mr. Bourey mentioned that discussion at the Management Committee meeting included funding for the plan. Mayor Morales stated that the West Valley is rapidly growing. He stated utilizing the existing rail infrastructure will not cost the estimated \$25 million per mile. Chairman Giuliano stated that, through Tempe's experience, there are many intricacies in dealing with rail companies. Mr. Bourey suggested a briefing session be scheduled to update those interested. Mayor Morales expressed interest in attending this session. Councilmember Forgia stated that it would cost millions to update the rail between Peoria and Phoenix. He noted that plans must be completed by a certain date in order to be eligible for funding. Councilmember Forgia stated that Mayor Scruggs has made a significant stand for the Northwest Valley. Mayor Scruggs stated that she worked to get Glendale into rail. She commented

that money for rail will need to be obtained, but we need rail to get ready for the future. Mayor Scruggs commented that the briefing session is a good idea.

Vice Mayor Hawley stated that the rail in the Southwest Valley was an AMTRAK line until a couple of years ago. He indicated that this rail had been upgraded at great cost to carry AMTRAK passengers and is in good condition. Mayor Morales stated that the rail is now used for cargo, but is capable of high speed use.

Mayor Dunham stated that all member local governments have individual needs, but questioned whether this was the appropriate venue for discussion of individual, rather than regional needs. Chairman Giuliano stated this is a regional issue.

Vice Mayor Hawley expressed interest in attending the rail briefing session.

Vice Mayor Hawley moved, Mayor Turner seconded, and it was unanimously carried to accept the MAG Fixed Guideway System Study, approve the inclusion of the Central Phoenix/East Valley Major Investment Study in the draft 1999 Update of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan for an air quality conformity analysis subject to updating the transit funding plan, and approve the inclusion of the Glendale/Phoenix Major Investment Study in the draft 1999 Update of the MAG Long Range Transportation Plan for an air quality conformity analysis subject to updating the transit funding plan.

16. Annual Evaluation of the MAG Executive Director

Chairman Giuliano stated that agenda item #16 would be considered next before a quorum was lost.

The employment agreement entered into with the MAG Executive Director on January 21, 1997, provided that the Regional Council review and evaluate the performance of the Executive Director at least annually prior to the annual salary review. On January 19, 1999, the Regional Council Executive Committee reviewed the performance of the Executive Director and made a salary recommendation. The authority for such an executive session is A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(I).

Councilmember Forgia moved, Mayor Campana seconded, and it was unanimously carried to recess the regular meeting and go into executive session to discuss personnel matters relating to the MAG Executive Director evaluation and the salary review.

After the regular meeting reconvened, Chairman Giuliano stated that the Executive Committee recommended that the \$5,000 bonus provided last year be included in Mr. Bourey's base salary and an additional five percent merit increase be added to it.

Mayor Turner moved, Mayor Dunham seconded, and it was unanimously carried to accept the salary increase for the MAG Executive Director.

13. Update of the Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Aviation System Plan

Chairman Giuliano stated that as the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Phoenix Metropolitan Area, MAG is responsible for maintaining a regional aviation system plan, or RASP, to meet the long term air transportation needs of the region in a safe and efficient manner. The first MAG RASP was

adopted by the Regional Council in September 1979. Updates were approved in June 1986 and December 1993. In December 1996, the Regional Council approved the findings of an implementation study to carry out the RASP recommendations. Changing conditions have prompted the need to update the 1993 RASP, and the Regional Council authorized the submission of a funding application to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as a part of the FY 1998 Unified Planning Work Program.

FAA staff has recently indicated that the grant application to update the MAG Regional Aviation System Plan was not funded during the first half of the year because competing construction projects had a higher priority. More funds will become available in March of this year. Chairman Giuliano stated it is requested that the Regional Council approve forwarding a letter to the FAA supporting the funding of the application.

Mayor Brown stated that he serves on the MAG Aviation Committee, which has not met recently, nor is scheduled to meet. He commented that aviation is very important to the region. Mr. Bourey stated that Chairman Giuliano has requested reconstitution of the committee and a scope of work be developed.

Chairman Giuliano stated that since there is not a quorum, there would be no action on this agenda item. He noted there is no objection to a letter being sent by the Chair to the FAA in support of the funding.

14. Initiation of MAG Video Conferencing Project

Harry Wolfe stated that in 1999, MAG established a Teleconferencing and Telecommuting Program. The purpose of the program is to improve communication among member agencies, allow for more productive use of staff resources and relieve traffic congestion and air pollution. The first phase of this program is a Videoconferencing Project to produce an implementation plan for videoconferencing in the region. The project is receiving advice from the MAG Telecommunications Advisory Group, or MAGTAG. On December 9, 1998, the Regional Council approved the selection of Norstan Inc. to undertake the videoconferencing project and a contract recently has been issued. To insure that we have the proper perspective of each member agency on the Videoconferencing Project, a letter was forwarded to MAG managers requesting that they review their jurisdiction's representation on the MAGTAG, and notify MAG of any additional individuals who should be consulted.

Mr. Wolfe stated the technical needs assessment phase will last approximately four months, and recommendations should go to the Regional Council in July, 1999. Mr. Wolfe stated that the videoconferencing equipment will enable remote attendance at meetings. He indicated that the success of the project depends on each agency to identify technical and policy contacts who will commit to attending meetings and reviewing work, and commitment to house, implement, and operate the videoconferencing equipment. Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Wolfe for his report and asked if there were any questions.

15. Recommendation to Support Uniformity in the Adoption of Uniform Building Codes

Leon Manuel, Chairman of the MAG Building Codes Committee, stated that the MAG Building Codes Committee was established in 1968 to encourage and promote uniformity in the interpretation and enforcement of building, mechanical, plumbing and electrical codes adopted by its members. Mr. Manuel noted that, at times, three to four different codes have been in use simultaneously. On

November 18, 1998, the MAG Building Codes Committee recommended adopting the 1997 Uniform Building Code, the 1997 ICBO Mechanical Code, and the 1996 National Electrical Code. At a December 15, 1998 MAG Valley Building Codes Stakeholders Meeting, elected officials and building industry representatives emphasized the need for development of a uniform building code. On December 16, 1998, the MAG Building Codes Committee recommended that member agencies set July 1, 1999 as a target for adopting the 1997 Uniform Building Code, 1997 ICBO Uniform Mechanical Code, and the 1996 NEC Amendments Building Codes.

Chairman Giuliano stated that this agenda item could be placed on the consent agenda for the next meeting, since a presentation has already been heard.

Mayor Morales asked if the uniformity in building codes would require upgrading older facilities in order to be in conformance with the new code. Mr. Manuel replied only if changes were made that may cause hazards.

Chairman Giuliano thanked Mr. Manuel for his presentation and asked if there were any questions.

Chairman Giuliano expressed appreciation to Mr. Bourey and staff for a successful Regional Council Retreat. He encouraged the members to read the excellent reports and information from the Retreat.

Chairman Giuliano announced that a progressive dinner in Suite 300 upstairs would be held for the members of the Regional Council and their staff who have confirmed their dinner reservations.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary